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NOTE FOR CIRCULATION.

Sub: Food Situation - Madras Province - Report for the second fortnight of April - Review.

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Board's report on the food situation in the Province for the second fortnight of April 1948 at pp.1-8 c.f. and the enclosures thereto at pp.9-14 c.f. may be perused.

Weather conditions and crop prospects.

The rainfall during the fortnight was fair to moderate in the districts of Kistna, Anantapur, Cuddapah, Chitteer, Tanjore, Tiruchirapalli, Tirunelveli, The Nilgiris, Malabar and South Kanara and nil or negligible in the other districts.

Agricultural operations were held up in the North Arcot and Ramnad districts for want of rains. In the districts of Chitteer and Tirunelveli, also, agricultural operations were held up as rainfall during the fortnight was inadequate.

Water supply was inadequate in the districts of East Godavari, Nellore, Chingleput, North Arcot, Salem, Coimbatore, Tiruchirapalli, Madura, Ramnad, Tirunelveli, South Kanara and the Nilgiris and in parts of West Godavari, Kistna, Bellary, Anantapur, Cuddapah and Chitteer Districts.

Sowing or transplantation of paddy was proceeding in the West Godavari district and in parts of Tiruchirapalli District. Paddy crop in dry, wet and manavari lands had already failed in all taluks in extensive areas in Chingleput district. Standing crops were withering for want of rains in parts of West Godavari, Chitteer and Tirunelveli districts. Crops were also affected in parts of East Godavari, Bellary, North Arcot and South Kanara districts. The condition of the standing crop was generally fair in the other districts of the Province.

Harvest of paddy was proceeding in the Cuddapah district and of dry crops in the Bellary and Cuddapah districts.

The outturn of paddy in the Cuddapah district was fair. The outturn of dry crops was poor to fair in the Bellary district and fair in the Cuddapah district.

Stock and Supply Position.

The stock position of foodgrains was as follows when compared with that of the previous week.

Foodgrains.	on 17-4-1948	24-4-1948.
Rice ...	3,70,277	3,82,553
Wheat ...	5,280	5,868
Maida ...	661	608
Maize ...	71,760	72,535
Other grains.	20,416	20,879

Rice:- The stocks in the districts are adequate at present.

The following quantities were received during the fortnight under report.

	Tons.
From Orissa.	11,491
" Eastern States.	2,473
" Pakistan	7,785
" Overseas	5,537
Total	27,286

Millets including maize:-

The supply position of millets in the Province is generally satisfactory.

A quantity of 3,000 tons of overseas maize was received in the Province during the fortnight. The total receipts of maize so far amount to 1,19,862 tons. The Government of India have allotted a further quantity of 11,783 tons of maize to Madras. The shipments are expected shortly.

During the fortnight 11 tons of jowar were imported from Orissa into Vizagapatam district. There were no other receipts either from overseas or from other Provinces. The Assistant Marketing Officer, Nagpur, has been asked to complete the despatch of the balance quota of 178 tons of millets from the Central Provinces.

Wheat and Wheat products.

Out of 20,000 tons of wheat and wheat products allotted to this Province for the quarter ending 30-6-1948, the Government of India have so far allotted 17,850 tons of wheat from out of the ships calling at Madras Port. This includes the 7,000 tons mf referred to in the report for the previous fortnight. A quantity of 13,450 tons of wheat has been received already.

Procurement:- During the first fortnight of April 41,916 tons of rice and 1,331 tons of millets (comprising 37,713 tons of rice and 263 tons of millets under the intensive procurement scheme and 4,203 tons of rice and 1,068 tons of millets under the levy scheme) were procured in the Province as against 57,444 tons of rice and 1,310 tons of millets procured in the previous fortnight. There was a fall in procurement in the surplus districts of East Godavari, Guntur, Nellore, and Tanjore, Whereas the procurement under the levy system shewed a slight improvement in the districts of Chingleput, Chittoor, Salem and South Kanara. The Collectors of all districts have been instructed to concentrate their attention on procurement and shew better results in the coming fortnights with a view to reaching their respective targets as early as possible.

A note on the fluctuation of prices of the different foodgrains at various centres in the Province and the statements showing the prices of foodgrains, fireweed, salt, edible oil seeds, oils and oilcakes are at pp.6-7 c.f. and pp.9-14 c.f.

The case may be circulated to H.M.(Feed), H.M.(P.W) and H.E.

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